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1. During conferences which were held at the Ministry of Foreign Trade in December 1950 concerning the possibilities of increasing exports of Polish coal to the USSR and other countries, the following figures showing coal consumed up to mid-December 1950 were given:

		Tons
a. Exports		
	Soviet Zone of Germany	4,000,000
	Czechoslovakia	4,000,000
	USSR	9,000,000
	Scandinavian countries	1,500,000
b. Home market		50,000,000
c. Used at the mines	approx.	3,000,000
	Total	71,500,000

2. Since the target of 80,000,000 tons set by the production plan had not been achieved by the end of 1950, it was not possible to discuss an increase in exports without consideration of a heavy cut in home market consumption.

3. Causes for insufficient production were stated to be the poor condition of mining installations, a shortage of mining foremen, and the inadequate output of miners.

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